

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are presented for consideration, with Claims 1, 9 and 10 being independent.

Editorial changes have been made to the independent claims to even better set forth Applicants' invention.

As will be appreciated, Claims 1-10 were previously allowed, and it is submitted that the amendments do not change their allowed status.

Applicants are submitting concurrently herewith a Submission of Replacement Sheet of Drawing, with a Replacement Sheet of Figure 14.

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed. The relevancy of each enclosed document is provided by their respective English language abstracts.

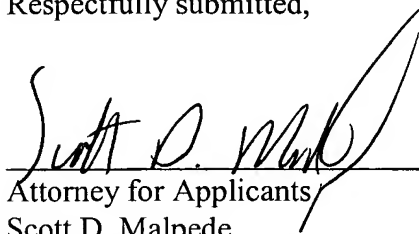
It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

CONCLUSION

Due consideration and prompt passage to issue are respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C.
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below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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